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## Vouchers to help with Eastern lowa **Flooding Damage**

DES MOINES, Iowa – Families in eight eastern Iowa counties who are eligible for the state's low-income disaster grant program may now seek vouchers if they do not have cash up front to make repairs.

Gov. Terry Branstad launched the program in Cedar, Johnson, Mahaska, Scott, Washington, Lee, Muscatine, and Iowa counties in the wake of flooding caused by heavy rains in mid-April.

The program, which is managed by the lowa Department of Human Services, provides grants of up to \$5,000 to make repairs or replace damaged goods. People with household incomes of up to twice the federal poverty level are eligible to participate. For a family of two, the maximum gross annual income would be about \$31,000.

People who have enough funds to make repairs may seek reimbursement via a grant application that is available on the "Disaster Assistance" link on the DHS homepage, dhs.iowa.gov.

People who do not have enough money for repairs should contact local Community Action Agencies for assistance. The agencies will determine eligibility and will issue vouchers to make eligible repairs.

The agencies provided the following contact information:

- Iowa, Johnson, and Washington counties, call the United Way 2-1-1 number.
- Muscatine County office in Muscatine, 563-263-9290 or 866-263-9290.
- Muscatine County office in West Liberty, 563-263-9290.
- Cedar County, 563-886-3191 or 800-920-3191.
- Scott County, 563-324-3236 or 866-324-3236.
- Mahaska, 641-682-8741.
- Lee County South, 319-524-6383.
- Lee County North, 319-372-4471.